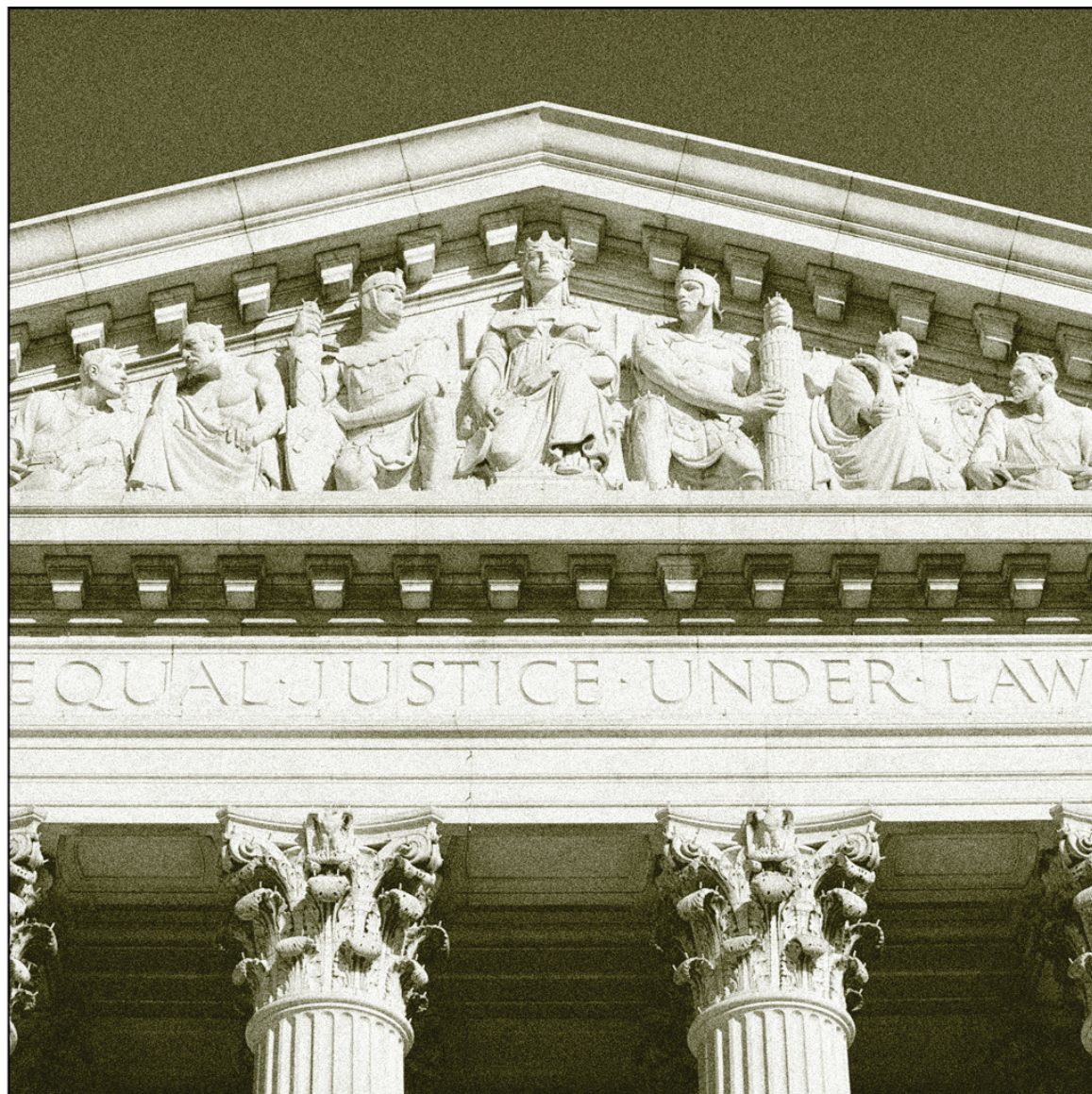


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GRADE LEVEL CONTENT EXPECTATIONS



High School Civics and Government Strand

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Welcome to Michigan's DRAFT Grade Level Content Expectations for Social Studies

The performance statements contained in this document represent the work of classroom teachers, curriculum specialists, academicians, and the Michigan Department of Education consultants. They are meant to provide teachers with an outline of learning expectations and will be used to drive grade level assessments for the next several years. They by no means represent an entire “curriculum” of learning social studies, nor do they give guidance as to how instruction should be designed or delivered. The craft of instruction is in the hands of the professional educators.

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Social Studies

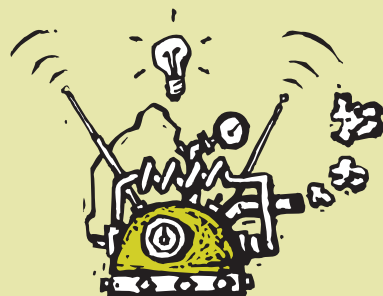
Social studies is the integrated study of the social sciences to prepare young people to become responsible citizens. Responsible citizens display social understanding and civic efficacy. Civic efficacy is the readiness and willingness to assume citizenship responsibilities and to make informed and reasoned decisions for the public good as citizens of a pluralistic, democratic society in an interdependent world.

The social studies curriculum for any grade level should be designed to assist students in making continuous progress toward meeting the standards for social studies contained in the Michigan Curriculum Framework. All the standards are pursued in the curriculum from kindergarten to graduation. The Content Standards and Benchmarks represent the full scope of the social studies curriculum. The language of the GLCE is the language of the benchmarks for social studies included in the Michigan Curriculum Framework. You should recognize the GLCE as a direct reflection of the work social studies educators have undertaken since the adoption of the Michigan Curriculum Framework benchmarks for social studies in 1995.

Grades 9-12—Civics and Government Strand

An integrated approach to creating learning opportunities within the discipline of government (political science) should include history, geography, economics, inquiry and decision-making. The added dimensions of current events and persuasive civic writing will add contextual depth.

Share Your Ideas



*The **Social Studies Grade Level Content Expectations** are in the development phase. Put on your thinking caps and tell us what you think of the work in progress.*

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HIGH SCHOOL CIVICS AND GOVERNMENT

Upon completion of high school, students will be able to:

1. evaluate how effectively the federal government is serving the purposes for which it was created. III.1.HS.1
2. identify the characteristics of the presidential and parliamentary systems of government and evaluate the relative merits of each. III.1.HS.3
3. using actual cases, describe the similarities and differences between civil and criminal courts in the United States. III.3.HS.1
4. identify the benefits and challenges of diversity in American life. III.2.HS.1
5. using the purposes for the government set forth in the Constitution, evaluate proposals to reform the U.S. political system. III.4.HS.2
6. use the ideas in the foundational documents of the United States to evaluate the conduct of citizens. III.2.HS.2
7. use the ideas in the foundational documents of the United States to evaluate the practices of government. III.2.HS.2
8. explain why people may agree on democratic values in the abstract, but the same people may disagree strongly about how those values are best served or furthered in light of a particular context or controversy.
9. identify U.S. foreign policies and conduct relative to the national interests and American values. III.5.HS.2
10. identify the relationship between the United States and involvement of the U.S. in international organizations and treaties. III.5.HS.3
11. develop generalizations pertaining to specific social studies topics by interpreting information from a variety of sources. V.1.HS.3
12. generate possible resolutions to public issues and evaluate them using criteria that have been identified. VI.1.HS.1
13. compose elaborated essays expressing and justifying decisions on public policy issues using data, core democratic values, prior social studies knowledge, and refuting an opponent's argument. VI.3.HS.1
14. describe the influence of the American concept of democracy and individual rights in the world. III.5.HS.1
15. identify how and why America's commitment to individual liberty, the rule of law, and republican principles of government influence international relations and the internal politics of foreign countries.

Persuasive Civic Writing Scoring Guide

The Persuasive Civic Writing Scoring Guide has been in use since 1999. It is the basis for scoring the Persuasive Civic Writing question on the MEAP High School Test. It will not change. Teachers are encouraged to use this scoring guide with their students. Using the scoring guide when writing about public issues in the classroom, facilitates students' use of it during testing.

One point will be awarded for the successful inclusion of each of the following elements:

- a clear and supported statement of your position;
- supporting information using a core democratic value of American constitutional democracy.
- supporting knowledge from history, geography, civics (other than the core democratic values), or economics (it is not enough to state only your opinion);
- supporting information from the Data Section; and
- a credible argument someone with the opposite point of view could use and an explanation that reveals the flaw in his or her argument.

Some Core Democratic Values of American Constitutional Democracy

Core democratic values are the fundamental beliefs and constitutional principles of American society. These values unite all Americans. They are expressed in the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and other significant documents, speeches, and writings of the nation.

Fundamental Beliefs

Life
Liberty
The Pursuit of Happiness
Public or Common Good
Justice
Equality
Diversity
Truth
Popular Sovereignty
Patriotism

Constitutional Principles

The Rule of Law
Separation of Powers
Representative Government
Checks and Balances
Individual Rights
Freedom of Religion
Federalism
Civilian Control of the Military

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